

March 2017

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Deposit CSD News Updates

Dear Families,

I have to believe that spring is around the corner. This has been a tough winter for our District. Here are some updates as we move into the final months of school:

- Each year, we are required to have 180 days of school. Included in the 180 days are Superintendent's Conference Days and days on which Regents Exams are held. Because of the unusual amount of snow days used this year, we were forced to take back a couple of scheduled vacation days in April and May. April 21st and May 26th are now planned as regularly scheduled school days and staff and student attendance are required. Should we have another weather related day, we would have to take back April 20th. Obviously, we would prefer to avoid taking back additional days. Therefore, if we have questionable weather in the future, we may have to get creative with our scheduling. For example, we may consider using a 3 hour delay (or half day) schedule. This would work in cases where the Village and Towns need a little additional time to clear the roads. Of course, we will not bring students and staff to school when there is a safety concern. If you have any questions about the take back days, please contact your building principal.
- Budget season is in full swing. The Board of Education and the District are committed to maintaining the quality programs we offer at DCS within a fiscally responsible budget. This year, our tax cap has been calculated at 2.64%. This calculation comes from the State and represents the amount of money they believe the District needs to maintain the current programs. It's important to note that 2.64% does not represent the actual cost to the community because almost a full 1% will come from a local business that is no longer part of a PILOT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) agreement. Actual cost to the community will be 1.65%. In order to keep costs down, a budget advisory panel met to review the budget plans of the District and make suggestions for potential savings. During the months of April and May, I'll be making presentations about the budget to local groups. During these presentations, I will further explain the calculation of the tax cap and the details of the PILOT agreement. This will be your chance to get information and ask questions. We'll publicize the dates on our website. I hope to see you there.
- If you haven't already, please be sure to check out our new website at: www.depositcsd.org
- The official opening date for community use of the track facility was March 20th. Unfortunately, that's the week we got slammed with the snow storm. As long as the track is free of snow and/or ice, it will be open to the public for use. Weekday hours are 6 AM—3 PM and 5 PM-7PM. Weekend hours are 7 AM—7 PM

November 17,

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- Our fitness center is now open to the public. I hope you've had the chance to check it out and take advantage of a membership. We have state-of-the-art equipment that should meet your fitness needs. The fitness center is open to the public from 6 PM—9 PM each weeknight. We'll be expanding hours in the future. More information to come!
- Phase 2 of our capital construction project will begin this summer. This project was voted on by taxpayers in 2015. This phase includes pavement replacement for the entire campus, fencing replacement, heating, cooling and electrical upgrades, corridor renovations in the MS/HS and other security/health and safety updates. Additionally, as the snow clears, we'll be working with the contractors to finalize the work at Warner Field to prepare for the fall sports season.
- Listed below are important dates. As you'll see, the last day for elementary students and high school students taking Regents Exams is June 23rd. The last day for middle school students will be announced in the near future.
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences: 4/6 (1/2 day for elem) 4/7 (1/2 day for all students)
 - Spring Break: 4/14-4/20 No School for Students
 - MS/HS Spring Concert: 5/10 @ 6:30 in the high school auditorium
 - Elementary Spring Concert: 5/16 @ 6:30 in the high school auditorium
 - Budget Vote: 5/16 from 1PM—8PM in the HS Band Room
 - Memorial Day Weekend: 5/29 No School for Students
 - Regents Exams: 6/13-6/23
 - Last Day for Elementary Students & HS Graduation: 6/23

I wish you a successful end to the school year...and a lot of sunshine!

If you have any questions, you can always contact me directly at: dcook@deposit.stier.org

Sincerely,

Denise Cook